

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (amended): Apparatus for supporting a stator of an electric motor having a plurality of teeth, where each of the teeth is wound with a stator winding, comprising:

a support base member having integrally formed therein a first annular support member and a second annular support member, wherein:

the first support member is fixedly attached to a first portion of the stator; and

the second support member is fixedly attached to a second portion of the stator, thereby ~~reducing displacement~~ altering a resonant frequency of the stator ~~relative to the base member~~ in response to vibrations, ~~and at least one of the first and second support members is slotted.~~

Claim 2 (original): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said first support member is slotted.

Claim 3 (original): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said second support member is slotted.

Claim 4 (original): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein both support members are slotted.

Claims 5-7 (cancelled)

Claim 8 (original): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the first support member supports an inner portion of the stator and the second support member supports an outer portion of the stator.

Claim 9 (original): The apparatus of claim 8, wherein the outer portion of the stator is an end portion of the plurality of teeth.

Claim 10 (original): The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the first and second support members are solid, continuous support rings.

Claim 11 (cancelled)

Claim 12 (amended): Apparatus for supporting a stator of an electric motor having a plurality of teeth, where each of the teeth is wound with a stator winding, comprising:

a support base member having integrally formed therein:

a first annular support means for supporting a first portion of the stator; and

a second annular support means for supporting a second portion of the stator, wherein at least one of said first and second support means is slotted, and the first annular support means and the second annular support means are fixedly attached to the stator, thereby ~~reducing displacement~~ altering a resonant frequency of the stator ~~relative to the base member~~ in response to vibrations.

Claims 13-14 (cancelled)

Claim 15 (original): The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the first support means is slotted.

Claim 16 (original): The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the second support means is slotted.

Claim 17 (original): The apparatus of claim 12, wherein both support means are slotted.

Claims 18-19 (cancelled)

Claim 20 (original): The apparatus of claim 12, wherein the first support means supports an inner portion of the stator and second support means supports an outer portion of the stator.

Claims 21-22 (cancelled)